

## School Infrastructure Database (SID)

### What data are collected

The SID includes information about incidents of crime and truancy in public schools and data about dual enrollment. Currently 38 data elements are collected. The crime and safety data collected consists of truancy counts and the number of incidents such as physical violence/assaults, illegal possession, vandalism, weapons on school property and arson. The dual enrollment fields provide the number of eligible students and participants, tuition and fees paid and the number of postsecondary courses provided for students in grades 9 through 12.

The data are reported in aggregate totals at the building level. All data elements collected are included in reports to meet state or federal requirements. Please refer to the SID Data Use Matrix located at <http://www.michigan.gov/cepi/0,4546,7-113--252460--,00.html> for a list of the reports and the data elements utilized in each report.

### Why we collect the data

Truancy data collected in SID are used by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to monitor and report performance on the School Improvement Grant (SIG) program, authorized under section 1003(g) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The crime and safety data in SID are gathered primarily according to state statute. Finally, dual enrollment data gathered in SID are used by the MDE in reporting program details to the legislature.

There are a total of six reports prepared utilizing the SID data.

- 2 Federal Reports
  - Discipline Data
  - Persistently Dangerous Schools
- 4 State Reports
  - School Safety (MCL 380.1308)
  - Annual Financial Report on Dual Enrollment (388.521)
  - Crime & Safety Reports to Michigan Legislature (380.1310a; 380.1310b effective March 15, 2015)

### Recommendations

The Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) recommends that the state SID data collection be eliminated to reduce state reporting burdens on school districts. Our first recommendation is that the school districts maintain the legislatively mandated crime and safety data elements locally on the school district's Web site for community access and use. The crime and safety information that districts are providing to the state would be most useful at the local community level to inform parents and the community and to foster partnerships among schools, communities and local law enforcement agencies to develop appropriate prevention and intervention programs. This change would require modifications to existing state statute as noted below. Secondly, we recommend that minimal truancy and dual enrollment data be collected in the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) and Financial Information Database (FID), eliminating the need for the remaining state SID data collection.

1. **Suggested Statutory and Other Changes for Recommendations related to Crime and Safety Data:**  
*(changes in text are in italics and underlined)*

Modification to current MCL statutes and the State of Michigan State Board of Education Statewide Safe School Choice Policy would be required to allow for the elimination of the SID data collection. State law and board policy could still require that districts maintain data concerning incidents of crime and safety within their schools. The local monitoring of crime and safety incidents, coupled with local data sharing, would assist school leaders in identifying the most persistent safety issues challenging their schools, while allowing the public to assist the districts in developing safety standards and practices to maintain the well-being of their students. Specific suggested actions are as follows:

A. Update 380.1310a (2) to the following (in part): (Requires collection of the data)

~~"In order to obtain an accurate local and statewide picture of school crime and to develop the partnerships necessary to plan and implement school safety programs, at least annually, each school board shall report to the superintendent of public instruction, within 7 days, upon request, the number of incidents of crime occurring at schools within the school district."~~  
*"In order to obtain an accurate local and statewide picture of school crime and to develop the partnerships necessary to plan and implement school safety programs, at least annually, each school board shall report to the superintendent of public instruction, post on the school district's Web site for a period of at least 5 years in the form and manner prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, incidents of crime occurring at schools within the school district."*

B. Update legislation 380.1310a (3) to the following:

~~"Each school building shall collect and keep current on a weekly basis the information required for the report under subsection (2) and must provide that information, within 7 days, upon request. At least annually, each school board shall make a copy disaggregated by school building, of the most recent report for the school district under subsection (2) available to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district by posting the data on the school district's Web site for a period of at least 5 years."~~  
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C. Update Bullying legislation Sec. 380.1310b to remove 1310b(4) and update 1310b (7) to the following:

~~"The department shall establish a form and procedure for school districts and public school academies to report collect the number of incidents of bullying to the department on an annual basis and the school districts shall make this information readily available to the public. A school district or public school academy shall report incidents of bullying to the department according to the form and procedures established by the department. The department school district shall ensure that the information collected and made available under this subsection does not include personally identifiable information about any individual who reports or is involved in a specific incident of bullying. At least annually, each school board shall make a copy disaggregated by school building, of the most recent report for the school district available to the parent or legal guardian of each pupil enrolled in the school district by posting the data on the school district's Web site for a period of at least 5 years."~~  
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D. Update the State Board of Education Statewide Safe School Choice Policy to remove the requirement for the collection of incidents on the number of students who are victims of violent criminal offenses. Since the federal reporting guidelines for the Persistently Dangerous School Report allows the state to set the standards for the report, the removal of this requirement would be reasonable. The MDE could